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Letter dated 2 August 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 17 May 2005, addressed to you, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27 and 29 May 2005, on 1, 8, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28 and 29 June 2005, and on 1, 3, 6, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 27 July 2005, as follows.

On 14 May 2005, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 15 May 2005, one C-130, one C-160, two CN-235 and, four F-4 coming in one formation and six Turkish military aircraft of unknown type entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out a total of nine violations of the international air traffic regulations and eight violations of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Cape Apostolos Andreas, before exiting in a south-easterly direction. On the same day, it entered again the FIR of Nicosia, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The C-160 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Cape Apostolos Andreas, before exiting in a south-easterly direction. On the same day, it entered again the FIR of Nicosia, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

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(c) The two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Cape Apostolos Andreas in a search and rescue mission, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(d) A formation of four F-4 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Cape Apostolos Andreas, before exiting in a south-easterly direction;

(e) A formation of four Turkish military aircraft of unknown type coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Cape Apostolos Andreas, before exiting in a south-easterly direction;

(f) A formation of two (2) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Cape Apostolos Andreas, before exiting in a south-easterly direction.

On 16 May 2005, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 18 May 2005, one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Adana, from where it returned on the same day to the illegal airport of Krini.

On the same day, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 20 May 2005, two C-160, one CN-235 and three formations of a total of ten F-4 Turkish military aircraft (1X2 and 2X4) entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out a total of eight violations of international air traffic regulations and an equivalent number of violations of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The two C-160 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Cape Apostolos Andreas, before exiting in a south-easterly direction. On the same day, coming from the same south-easterly direction, they entered the FIR of Nicosia, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The CN-235 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Cape Apostolos Andreas in a search and rescue mission, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(c) The three formations of the ten F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia from a south-easterly direction, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Cape Apostolos Andreas, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 22 May 2005, one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Kyrenia, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 25 May 2005, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 27 and 29 May 2005, one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type and one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out a total of three violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The Turkish military aircraft of unknown type coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Kyrenia, before landing at the illegal airport of Krini;

(b) The C-160 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 1 June 2005, one C-130 and one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out a total of three violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied areas of Morfou, Kormakitis, Karpasia and Mesaoria, before landing at the same airport.

On 8 June 2005, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 13 June 2005, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 15 June 2005, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 17 June 2005, one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing at the illegal airport of Krini.

On 17, 18 and 20 June 2005, two C-160 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where they departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 23 June 2005, two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out three violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The first CN-235 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The second CN-235 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Tymbou, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, to which it later returned, before departing towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 24 June 2005, one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 26 June 2005, one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 27 June 2005, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou.

On 28 June 2005, one CN-235, one C-130, and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out five violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The CN-235 Turkish military aircraft took off twice from the illegal airport of Tymbou, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, carrying out a parachuter exercise, before landing at the same airport;

(b) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Kythrea, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(c) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, flying over the occupied area of Kythrea, before returning to the same airport.

On 29 June 2005, one CN-235 and one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out four violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The CN-235 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Tymbou, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, carrying out a parachuter exercise over the occupied area of Lefkoniko, before landing at the same airport, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 1 and 3 July 2005, two Turkish military aircraft of unknown type carried out two violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The first Turkish military aircraft of unknown type coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing at the illegal airport of Krini;

(b) The second Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 6 July 2005, one CN-235 and one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out four violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The CN-235 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 13 July 2005, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 17 July 2005, two C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, from where they departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 18 July 2005, one B-200 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 19 July 2005, two formations (2X5) of ten NF-5 Turkish military aircraft, one C-130, one CN-235 and one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out a total of six violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The NF-5 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, where they remained;

(b) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, where it remained;

(c) The CN-235 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara;

(d) The Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Karpasia, before returning to the same airport.

On the same day, one formation of NF-5 Turkish military aircraft (number unknown) took off from the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Kyrenia, before returning to the same airport.

On 20 July 2005, two formations (1X5, 1X8) of NF-5 Turkish military aircraft, one C-130 and two Turkish military aircraft of unknown type entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out a total of five violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The first formation (1X5) of NF-5 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Krini;

(b) The second formation (1X8) of NF-5 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Kyrenia, before landing at the same airport;

(c) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed towards the FIR of Ankara;

(d) The two Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing at the same airport.

On 21 July 2005, two formations (2X5) of NF-5 Turkish military aircraft, two C-130 and one B-200 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out a total of six violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The two formations (2X5) of NF-5 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The first C-130 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(c) The second C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko;

(d) The B-200 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko.

On 22 and 24 July 2005, two C-130 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out five violations of international air traffic

regulations and three violations of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The first C-130 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The second C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, from where it departed towards the FIR of Ankara;

(c) The CN-235 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations, flying in a sou'h-westerly direction.

On 27 July 2005, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed towards the FIR of Ankara.

It is also noted that apart from the aforementioned violations, on 15 and 20 May 2005, the Turkish navy and air force conducted an illegal military exercise within the Nicosia FIR and the territorial waters of the Republic of Cyprus. The exercise was conducted without proper coordination with the Cyprus authorities, under whose jurisdiction the Nicosia FIR operates, and in complete disregard of international standards and safety regulations of air navigation.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest the aforementioned provocations by Turkey and call for their immediate cessation. While expecting Turkey to fulfil its Cyprus-related obligations that arise from its agreements with the European Union, as well as from international law, Turkey remains engaged in its well-known divisive policy towards Cyprus, which aims at the consolidation of the status quo and the promotion of its subordinate local administration. We regret that, in the course of carrying out that policy, Turkey does not hesitate to disregard international law, Security Council resolutions and international safety standards and regulations. What is even more regrettable, however, is the insistence of Turkey to place at risk the peace and stability of a particularly sensitive region and further complicate the settlement of the Cyprus issue.

We therefore call upon Turkey to review its policy towards Cyprus, put an end to its threatening behaviour and its might-is-right-based approach and refrain from undermining the prospects for reunification and reconciliation.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 29, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andreas D. **Mavroyiannis**